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42nd Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies
Security, Rehabilitation and Healing – What's Next?
Ramat Gan Academic College, October 19-21, 2026

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Final Conference Program

* Presenting authors are noted in bold *

Conference Timetable

Monday, October 19

- 08:00-18:00** Registration & Exhibition Open
09:00-10:30 Session MA
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 Session MB
12:30-14:00 Lunch Break & Women's Caucus
14:00-15:30 Session MC
15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
16:00-17:30 Session MD
17:30-18:00 Light Reception
18:00-19:00 AIS Award Ceremony
19:00-20:00 Welcome and Keynote with MK Tzipi Livni
20:00-21:00 Banquet (for ticket-holders)

Tuesday, October 20

- 08:00-18:00** Registration & Exhibition Open
09:00-10:30 Session TA
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 Session TB
12:30-14:00 Lunch Break and AIS General Assembly
14:00-15:30 Session TC
15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
16:00-17:30 Session TD
19:00-21:00 Screening of "Ha-ahavot Shelanu" with filmmaker Avi Nesher

Wednesday, October 21

- 08:00-13:00** Registration & Exhibition Open
09:00-10:30 Session WA
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 Session WB

Conclusion of Conference

Departure for Tour of Jaffa (RSVPs Requested)

Monday, October 19, 2026

**SESSION MA
09:00-10:30**

(MA-01) Peace, Conflict and Media Narratives in Israeli Society

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Nissim Katz**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

MA-01-1

Counting Diversity in a Polarized Society: Representation and Absence in Israeli Public Service Media

Aya Yadlin, Bar-Ilan University, Oranit Klein-Shagrir, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

MA-01-2

Echo Chambers of a Nation in Crisis: Framing the Judicial Reform in Israel's Polarized Media Landscape

Nissim Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

MA-01-3

Changes in Media Systems and Their Impact on Democracy: Exploring Empirical Indications

Hillel Nossek, Kinneret Academic College on the Sea of Galilee, **Moshe Schwartz**, Peres Academic Center

(MA-02) Family, Community and Social Change among Arab Citizens of Israel

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Odeya Schuz**, Bar-Ilan University

MA-02-1

The Impact of Recent Conflicts on Israeli Society and Minority Relations: National and Religious Aspects of Arab Labor in Israel Before and After October 7th

Odeya Schuz, Bar-Ilan University

MA-02-2

Using Forbidden Reproductive Technologies in Order to Preserve Family Lineage ("nasab") in Muslim Patients

Ya'arit Bokek-Cohen, Netanya Academic College, Mahdi Tarabeih, Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo

MA-02-3

Driving Styles of Young Arab Drivers in Israel: The Contribution of Family Road Safety Climate and Sense of Community

Maram Awad-Yassin, Bar-Ilan University, Orit Taubman - Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

(MA-03) Planning, Mobility and Urban Change in Israel

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Dror Goldberg**, The Open University of Israel

MA-03-1

Urban Renewal in Israel: Between Ideology and Reality

Dalit Shach-Pinsly, **Hadas Shadar**, University of Haifa

MA-03-2

The Influence of Urban Tactical Practices on the Failure of Strategic Planning for the First Commercial Pedestrian Mall on Gordon Street in Tel Aviv-Yafo

Moshe Wily Vilks, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MA-03-3

Public vs. Private Reconstruction: Tel Aviv's "City of Bicycles" Moment

Dror Goldberg, The Open University of Israel

(MA-04) Civilian Trends in Security and Politics

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 04

Chair: **Joel Migdal**, University of Washington

MA-04-1

Conditional Universality and the Politics of Recognition after October 7: Security, Healing, and the Ethics of Rehabilitation

Hadas Cohen, The University of Oklahoma

MA-04-2

Losing Faith in the Ability to Defend or in Defense itself: Antecedents and Consequences

Amos Israel-Vleeschhouwer, Sapir Academic College

MA-04-3

Divergent Paths to Participation: How Efficacy Mediates Trust in Different Modes of Political Participation

Shahaf Zamir, Amnon Cavari, Reichman University

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MA-04-4

The Dialectics of Security Discourses in Israeli Mixed Cities: Policing, Gentrification and the Struggle to Define Space

Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(MA-05) Migration to and from Israel: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Michal Shamir**, The Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel

MA-05-1

Aliyah in the Israeli Migration System – A Historical Perspective

Ilan Riss, Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics

MA-05-2

Aliyah Across Time: A Comparative Study of Bene Israel and Bnei Menashe Migration to Israel.

Suraj Rajan Kadanthodu, University of Haifa

MA-05-3

Escape Fantasy or Emigration Intention? Examining Migration Tendencies Among the Jewish Population in Israel Following a Multi-Dimensional Crisis in Israel (2023-2025)

Michal Shamir, Orit Shamir-Balderman, The Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel

MA-05-4

Net-Negative Migration: Assessing Israel's Immigration Policies After October 7

M Nirmalshankar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

(MA-06) The Israeli Presidency: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

MA-06-1

The Speaking Image of Mamlakhtiyut? The Israeli Presidency amid Hysteresis

Alon Helled, University of Turin

MA-06-2

The Herut Movement and President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi: Legitimacy from Above

Shoham Wechsler, Tel Aviv University

MA-06-3

Digital Presidents: The Use of Social Media in Constructing the Image of the Israeli President

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

(MA-07) Feminist Thought, Activism and Social Change

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Rachel Levi Herz**, Bar-Ilan University

MA-07-1

The Lady of the Wild Things: Marcia Freedman's Feminist-Lesbian Goddess Spirituality

Dotan Brom, Tel Aviv University

MA-07-2

Archives of Loss: Bodies, Narratives, and Dead Feminist Peace Organizations

Ruth Preser, The University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee, Sarai Aharoni, Hedva Eyal, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MA-07-3

Women in Red: Gender-Based Vulnerabilities and the Far-Right Coalition in Israel

Rachel Levi Herz, Bar-Ilan University

(MA-08) Historical Attitudes and their Impact on Israeli Society

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Reuven Gafni**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

MA-08-1

The Attitude of the Yishuv to the Great War and the Birth of the Pacifist Discourse at the End of the 1920s

Ouzi Elyada, University of Haifa (Emeritus), Netanya College

MA-08-2

The Mount of Olives: Burial, Sacredness, and the Politicization of Sacred Space in Modern Jerusalem

Kobi Cohen-Hattab, Bar-Ilan University

MA-08-3

"Raise High O Flag!": The Creation and Rejection of *The Prayer at the Raising of the Flag* on Israel's Independence Day Festivities

Reuven Gafni, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

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(MA-09) Judaism, Democracy and Politics in Israel

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Elisheva Rosman-Stollman**, Bar-Ilan University

MA-09-1

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's approach to religious Zionism and Israel

Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

MA-09-2

Leon Roth: Jewish Renewal Within the British Empire

Benjamin Schvarcz, Bar-Ilan University

MA-09-3

Beyond the Conflict Paradigm: Israel as a Laboratory for the Complementarity Thesis of Religion and Modernity

Netanel Fisher, Bar-Ilan University

MA-09-4

Secular and a Liberal? A Very Reluctant "Yes"

Guy Ben Porat, Yariv Feniger, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(MA-10) Roundtable – When Functioning Replaces Healing: Professional Responsibility in Prolonged Crisis

Monday, October 19, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 10

Chair: **Irit Ohana**, Ramat Gan Academic College

MA-10-1

Irit Ohana, Ramat Gan Academic College

Sara Swed, Ramat Gan Academic College

Sehrab Masri, Ramat Gan Academic College

Haim Amsel, Ramat Gan Academic College

Monday, October 19, 2026

SESSION MB

11:00-12:30

(MB-01) Images of Victory and Songs for Peace: Anti-War Discourses in Avi Neshet's Motion Fiction

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Shmulik Duvdevani**, Tel Aviv University

MB-01-1

Undermining the Victory Condition: Failure and Defeat in Avi Neshet's Films *Rage and Glory* and *Image of Victory*

Dana Masad, The Open University of Israel

MB-01-2

The Elusive Image of Victory: Avi Neshet's Contribution to the Audiovisual History of the Israeli-Arab Conflict

Iddo Better Pocker, Tel Aviv University

MB-01-3

"Past Life" and Radical Forgiveness: Neshet's Negotiations of the Past as Revisionist Visions for the Future

Miri Talmon, Tel Aviv University

(MB-02) Development Towns, Development Regions and National Development

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Janet Cohen**, Zefat Academic College

MB-02-1

Maabarot and Development Towns and the Special Case of Tel Yehoram

Avi Picard, Bar Ilan University

MB-02-2

Privatized Nationalization: The Birth of Israel's Oil Industry

Adam Hefetz, Harvard University

MB-02-3

After the Draining: Warfare, Capital and Collapse in the Hula Valley

Uri Schuster, The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

MB-02-4

Is the Third Mission Feasible? Place Attachment and Higher Education Policy: The Safed Medical Faculty

Janet Cohen, Zefat Academic College

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(MB-03) Methods, Knowledge and Public Decision-Making

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Chen Sharony**, Sapir Academic College,
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MB-03-1

Digitizing the Israeli Cabinet: AI-Assisted
Research of the Thirteenth Government

Omri Shafer Raviv, UCLA, Eliana
Avitzour, UC Berkeley

MB-03-2

Transparent Decisions: Evaluating the Role
of Decision-Making Transparency in
Achieving Informed Decisions in Local
Governments

Margarita Barer, Yotam Lurie, Fany Yuval,
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MB-03-3

Writing from Within: Ethics, Positionality,
and the Limits of Knowledge

Maha Natoon, University of Haifa

(MB-04) Helping Professions and Social Healing

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Ibrahim Mahajne**, Zefat Academic
College

MB-04-1

Happiness, Organizational Support, Trust,
and Passion at Work among Physicians in
Public Service in Israel

Orit Shamir Balderman, Michal Shamir,
The Max Stern Academic College of Emek
Yezreel

MB-04-2

Social Work in a Conflict-Ridden Zone as an
Opportunity for Professional Development

Ibrahim Mahajne, Zefat Academic College

MB-04-3

From Individual Therapy to Social Healing:
How Religion-Inspired Psychologists
Transform Their Profession as a Means for
Social Change

Orly Tal, Michal Pagis, Bar-Ilan University

MB-04-4

A Model for Anti-Racist Mentorship:
Academic Mentoring for African Israeli
Children

Hadas Mesgena Yaron, The Academic
College Tel Aviv Yafo, Jerusalem African
Community Center

(MB-05) Religion, Meaning and Spiritual Responses to Crisis

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Stephanie Colley**, University of Haifa

MB-05-1

No Atheists in Foxholes? The Religious
Response to October 7th

Nadia Beider, The Hebrew University of
Jerusalem

MB-05-2

Guarding the Soul at War: Psychological-
Spiritual Responses to Military Reality in
Contemporary Israeli Orthodoxy

Mordy Miller, Ben-Gurion University of the
Negev

MB-05-3

Sacred Synthesis: A Pedagogical Case Study
of Faith-Based Coping in the "Iron Swords"
War

Rena Bakshi, Orot Israel College

MB-05-4

Autoethnography and the Resilience of an
Israeli Liberal Congregation

Einat Libel-Hass, Ramat Gan Academic
College, Levinsky-Wingate Academic Center

(MB-06) Women, War and National Resilience

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Einat Lachover**, Sapir Academic College

MB-06-1

"After the holiday, there's going to be
something big": Frontline Warnings from
Women Soldiers and the Israeli Failure on
October 7

Ayelet Harel, Ben-Gurion University, Shir
Daphna-Tekoah, Ashkelon Academic
College

MB-06-2

"SHE RISE": Women's Leadership and
Community Recovery After October 7

Alice Gaya, University of Oxford, Ben-
Gurion University of the Negev

MB-06-3

Crossing Gender Borders and Performing
National Belonging among Israeli-Palestinian
Women Journalists

Einat Lachover, Sapir Academic College

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(MB-07) The Israeli Labor Movement – New Research

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 7

Chairs: **Oren Kalman**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MB-07-1

The Political Competition Between the Labor Movement and the Social Right, 1966–1977

Amir Aizenman, The University of Kiryat Shmona, Oranim Academic College

MB-07-2

Housing, Inequality and the Labor Movement: New Perspectives on 1950s Israel

Boaz Garfinkel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MB-07-3

Ben-Gurion's Conception of the Model Society

Oren Kalman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MB-07-4

Class Orientation and Socialist Policy in the Israeli Labor Movement, 1950s–1960s

Avi Bareli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MB-07-5

Between Redemption and Restraint: Ben-Gurion, Messianism, and the Israeli Left

Adi Sherzer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

(MB-08) Identity, Belonging and Minority Consciousness among Arab Citizens of Israel

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Ilan Shdema**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

MB-08-1

Place Identity among Arabs in Israel – Characteristics and Sources

Ilan Shdema, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, Deborah Martin, Clark University

MB-08-2

The Official Linguistic “WarScape” of Street Signs and Digital Banners Engineering the Awareness of the Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel During a State of War

Deia Ganayim, The College of Sakhnin for Teacher Education, Al-Qasemi Academic College of Education, Arab Center for Mind, Brain & Behavior

MB-08-3

The Dance of the Tree: On the Ambivalences of Longing and Belonging in the Films *Eid*

(Yousef Abo Madegem, 2024) and *The Stranger* (Ameer Fakher Eldin, 2022)

Ariel Sheetrit, The Open University of Israel, Tel Aviv University

MB-08-4

Instrumental Inclusion: Participation of Arab Parties in Israeli Coalition Politics

Idan Franco, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Elie Rekhess, Northwestern University

(MB-09) The Impact of October 7 on Academia Around the World

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College

MB-09-1

Global Antizionism, Local Legacies: Jewish Faculty Experience in Europe and North America After October 7

Monika Rice, Lafayette College

MB-09-2

Israel Studies in the US: Dealing with Unprecedented Challenges in Perilous Times

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

MB-09-3

Trauma and Anxiety: Analysis of a Database on Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Hostility on Australian University Campuses

Ran Porat, Monash University

MB-09-4

US Jewish Faculty Experiences with Post-October 7 Antisemitism

Raeefa Shams, Academic Engagement Network

(MB-10) Civic Action, Community Resilience and Social Solidarity in Times of Crisis

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 10

Chair: **Eyal Lewin**, Ariel University

MB-10-1

Our Generation, Our Turn: Patriotism During the Iron Swords War

Eyal Lewin, Ariel University

MB-10-2

Carrying What the State Cannot Hold: From Private Grief to Civic Action in Israel

Netanel Hochner, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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MB-10-3

“A Safety Net with Holes”: Community Support for Mothers in the Immediate Period Following Internal Displacement

Tehila Wright, The University of Kiryat Shmona, **Lea Zanbar**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, University of Haifa, **Racheli Dekel**, Bar-Ilan University

(MB-11) Conflict Resolution, Diplomacy and Peacebuilding

Monday, October 19, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Elie Podeh**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MB-11-1

Mirror, Mirror On The Wall: How Did I Perform After Seven Decades?

P R Kumaraswamy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

MB-11-2

Creating a Ripe Moment in Civil Wars between States and Armed Groups: A Path to Successful Negotiations

Omer Rozner, Bar-Ilan University

MB-11-3

Lessons for the Proposed International Stabilization Force in Gaza: Insights from Past Peacekeeping Missions in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Eitan Barak, Shalem College, Bar-Ilan University

MB-11-4

The Role of Religion in the Abraham Accords: Genesis, Contents, Reception, Implementation, Spillovers and Negligence on the Jewish-Israeli Side

Karolina Zielinska, Vistula University

WOMEN'S CAUCUS WITH LIGHT LUNCH

Chair: **Moria Ran**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Brandeis University

12:30-14:00

Monday, October 19, 2026

SESSION MC

14:00-15:30

(MC-01) Israel Institute Session: Tips for Israeli Scholars Looking for Academic Work in the United States

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Erika Falk**, Israel Institute

This information session is for Israeli scholars looking for academic work at American colleges and Universities. It will cover common mistakes that Israelis make in trying to land academic jobs in the United States and tips for making the search for post doctorates or faculty positions in the U.S. more successful.

(MC-02) Encounters and Tensions in Academia

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Raeefa Shams**, Academic Engagement Network

MC-02-1

Knowledge, Identity, and the "Other": Comparative Perspectives on Arab-Jewish Academic Encounters at the American University of Beirut

Amit Levy, Tel Aviv University

MC-02-2

Conflict Resolution from Religious Traditions: Study Abroad to Israel for US Law Students

Sharon Press, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

MC-02-3

Between Rupture and Shared Hope: A Collaborative Autoethnography of Jewish-Arab Partnership in Israeli Higher Education

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Ohr Margalit, Levinsky-Wingate Academic College, Amal Taha-Fahoum, Sakhnin Academic College

MC-02-4

Arab Funding to American Universities and the Threat to Academic Freedom and Integrity

Mitchell Bard, American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise

(MC-03) Jewish Diaspora Communities: Identity, Memory and Belonging

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Amir Segal**, Freie Universität Berlin

MC-03-1

Bridging Past and Present: The Lecce Jewish Museum and Israel's Foundational Migrations

Esther Hertzog, Zefat Academic College

MC-03-2

From Israel to Alentejo: The Making of Diasporic Spaces in Europe

Zohar Iancu, Catholic University of Portugal

MC-03-3

The God that Failed? The Emerging Confessional Genre of Anti-Zionist Disillusionment Narratives

Yoav Fromer, Tel Aviv University

MC-03-4

The Jewish Communities after October 7, 2023: Crisis and the Return of Israelcentrism

Luiza Khlebnikova, Elena Nosenko-Stein, Russian Academy of Sciences

(MC-04) Mediating the German-Jewish Past: Migration, Inheritance, and Belonging in Israel

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Marc Volovici**, University of Haifa

MC-04-1

Archival Memories and Artistic Legacies of German-Jewish Women Photographers in Israel

Anna Sophia Messner, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf

MC-04-2

Raphael Aronstein (1912-1952) and the Legacies of the German-Jewish Past in Israel

Marc Volovici, University of Haifa

MC-04-3

Little Germany in the Jezreel Valley: Memory, Community, and German-Jewish Legacies in Kibbutz HaZore'a

Daniel Mahla, University of Haifa

MC-04-4

10 years later: Revisiting and Re-Researching Israelis in Germany

Dani Kranz, Tikvah Institut (Germany)

(MC-05) Gaza and its Legacies: Conflict, Society and Policy

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Joel Migdal**, University of Washington

MC-05-1

1956 – The First Israeli Conquest of Gaza

Omri Adomi, University of Haifa, Israel Defense Forces

MC-05-2

Latin American Jewish Pioneering Settlement in the Gaza Corridor, Socialist-Zionism and October 7 Resilience

Yitzchak Kerem, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bar-Ilan University

MC-05-3

The Effects of October 7 on Gaza Envelope Residents: Work Motivation, Entrepreneurship, Time-Use and Well-Being

Chen Sharony, Sapir Academic College, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Lihi Lahat, Sapir Academic College, Concordia University, Liran Maymoni, The College of Management Academic Studies

MC-05-4

From 'Villa in the Jungle' to Re-emergence of Engagement with Non-State Armed Local Forces: Israeli Responses to the October 2023 Failure

Doron Feldman, University of Texas at Austin

(MC-06) Film Screening and Roundtable – Paradise Shattered: Security Collapse and Community Resilience on the Gaza Border

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Hedva Goldschmidt**, Go2Films

MC-06-1

Hedva Goldschmidt, Go2Films
Ronit Ifergan, Documentary Filmmaker, Kibbutz Kfar Aza
Shira Shapira, Independent Scholar
Sarit Haymian, VideoSense

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(MC-07) Roundtable – Studying Place Naming and Renaming in Israel: Insights, Challenges and Trends in Current Research

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Oded Haklai**, Queen's University

MC-07-1

Oded Haklai, Queen's University
Oren Barak, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Amer Dahamshe, The Arab Academic College of Education
Eran Razin, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Anna Hazan, Sapir Academic College

(MC-08) Intergenerational Knowledge – Art, Craft and Cultural Production

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Yael Guilat**, Oranim Academic College

MC-08-1

Histories from Our Grandmothers' Closets
Elya Assayag, Columbia University

MC-08-2

Conjuring the Matriarch: The Case of the Israeli Grandmother
Yarden Stern, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MC-08-3

Self-Making and Intergenerational Relations through Craft
Shlomit Sara Lazare, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

(MC-09) Media, Public Discourse and the Construction of Narratives

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Ben Herzog**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MC-09-1

Israelis' Perceptions of Public Discourse: A Semantic Network Analysis
Idit Manosevitch, Haim Hagay, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, Elie Friedman, Ashkelon Academic College

MC-09-2

Beyond Reporting: How the Hebrew Press Shaped the Memory of the Cyprus Exile
Ayelet Klein Cohen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MC-09-3

Israeli *Hasbara* – Lessons from the 1950s
Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(MC-10) Trauma, Mental Health and Psychological Recovery during Wartime

Monday, October 19, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Ariel Sheetrit**, The Open University of Israel

MC-10-1

Indirect Paths to Growth: The Role of War Exposure and Rumination in Posttraumatic Growth
Meital Navon-Eyal, Orit Taubman - Ben-Ari, Matan Popko, Amit Reizman, Oded Basok, Bar-Ilan University

MC-10-2

Protective and Risk Factors Predicting Mental Health and Functioning During the Iron Swords War: A Comparison Between Jews and Arabs in Israel
Niveen Hassan, Zefat Academic College, University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee

MC-10-3

Sleeping under Fire: Jewish and Arab Israelis' Experiences of Sleep during Wartime
Dana Zarhin, University of Haifa

MC-10-4

Re-traumatization and Psychotherapy in Veterans after 7.10.2023
Javier Simonovich, Western Galilee College

Monday, October 19, 2026

**SESSION MD
16:00-17:30**

(MD-01) Israel Institute Session on Grants

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Erika Falk**, Israel Institute

This Israel Institute information session is about grants offered to support postdoctoral fellows and visiting faculty in the United States and across the world.

(MD-02) Gender, Sexuality and Public Space

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Ebtesam Barakat**, Zefat Academic College, Bar-Ilan University

MD-02-1

"Ignorance, stupidity, malice, and worst of all – hatred": Online Reactions to Press Coverage of LGBTQ Political Leadership

Aya Yadlin, Gilad Greenwald, Bar-Ilan University

MD-02-2

LGBTQ+ Centers and Organizations in Israel: Politics, Spaces and Social Relations

Gilly Hartal, Bar-Ilan University, Chen Misgav, The Open University of Israel

MD-02-3

Gender, Religion, Nationality and Solidarity: Recreational Sport among Druze Women

Ebtesam Barakat, Zefat Academic College, Bar-Ilan University

(MD-03) Social Policy and Welfare in Israel

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Anat Romem**, Hadassah Hospital, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Herzog Medical Center

MD-03-1

Between Social Vision and Pragmatism: Attorney Zvi Bar-Niv and the Adoption of the National Insurance Law, 1953

Shimon Erez Blum, Sapir Academic College

MD-03-2

The Persistence of a Highly Inefficient Welfare Policy: Basic Goods Subsidies in Israel, 1960-1985

Daniel Schiffman, Ariel University, **Eli Goldstein**, Ashkelon Academic College

MD-03-3

Health Security at the End of Life: COPD in Last Year of Life Across Population Groups

Anat Romem, Hadassah Hospital, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Herzog Medical Center

(MD-04) Kibbutz Identity following October 7

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

MD-04-1

"From shattered worlds, it is growing": The Kibbutzim following October 7

Alon Gan, Forum of Kibbutz and Labor Movement Researchers, Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts

MD-04-2

Older Kibbutz Members in the Gaza Envelope Following October 7: Between Vulnerability and Resilience

Ilana Mizrahi Naor, The Academic Center of Law & Business, Ramat Gan Academic College

MD-04-3

"Not in Our Stead": Young Adult Neo-Volunteerism and the Rehabilitation of Western Negev Kibbutzim after October 7th

Alon Pauker, Beit-Berl College, **Lauren Erdreich**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

(MD-05) The Community Factor in Israeli History: Wars, Social Relations and Marking the Borders

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Elia Etkin**, University of Haifa

MD-05-1

The Demand for Recognition Prior to Demolition – Hof Shemen as a Case Study of Unrecognized Neighborhoods in Israel

Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MD-05-2

Negba and Nitzanim in the 1948 war – Component of Resilience

Amit Hacham, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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MD-05-3

Community Resilience in the Jordan Valley:
The Case of "Mecholot"

Tirael Cohen, Ben Gurion University

(MD-06) The New Exodus: Migration from Israel and Transnational Lives in an Era of Trauma and Upheaval

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Nir Cohen**, Bar-Ilan University

MD-06-1

Migrating out of Crisis: The Emerging
'Culture of Migration' among Israelis post-7
October

Hila Zaban, Yoav Kapshuk, Kinneret
College on the Sea of Galilee

MD-06-2

After October 7th: Diaspora Soldiers and the
Decision to Stay or Leave

Lior Yohanani, Tel Aviv University, Israel
Democracy Institute

MD-06-3

A Window to the Outside: The Palestinian
Middle Class in Israel in Times of
Uncertainty

Nassar Ikhlas, Tel Aviv University

MD-06-4

Actors, Fields, Networks and Practices –
Conceptualizing the 'Israeli Transnational
Social Space.'

Perla Aizencang-Kane, Universidad
Hebraica de México

(MD-07) Israeli Diplomacy in Historical Perspective

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Kenneth Stein**, Emory University

MD-07-1

Zionist Diplomacy and the 1937 Partition
Plan: The League of Nations Campaign

Eran Shlomi, The Hebrew University of
Jerusalem

MD-07-2

The Elrom Affair 1971 Reconsidered: From
Diplomatic Trauma to Political Resilience in
Israel–Turkey Relations

Efrat Aviv, Bar Ilan University

MD-07-3

"Drawing a Line in the Middle of the
Mediterranean": Israel's Diplomatic Struggle
at the CSCE, 1973-1975

Louise Fischer, Michal Saft, Israel State
Archives

(MD-08) Ethnicity, Citizenship and Democratic Inclusion in Israel

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Sammy Smootha**, University of Haifa

MD-08-1

Citizenship, Ethno-religious Nationalism,
and Democratic Backsliding in Israel

Ofir Abu, The University of Kiryat Shmona
in the Galilee

MD-08-2

Democracy and Security: The Northern
Islamic Movement's Disbandment in Israel
(2015)

Ilana Kaufman, The Open University of
Israel

MD-08-3

Intention to Vote for a Multiethnic Political
Party in a Deeply Divided Society

Dennis Rosenberg, The Hebrew University
of Jerusalem, Nohad 'Ali, Western Galilee
College, Technion

MD-08-4

The Implication of Participation of Arab
Political Parties in Coalition Government for
Israeli Democracy

Sammy Smootha, University of Haifa

(MD-09) Mothering in Times of War: From Pregnancy to Grandmotherhood

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Lia Ring**, Bar-Ilan University

MD-09-1

Navigating Multilayered Roles: Israeli
Grandmothers' Experiences During a
Collective Trauma

Lia Ring, Elad Mijalevich-Soker, Orit
Taubman - Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

MD-09-2

"In general I'm a powerful person, and this
time, I wasn't at all, I was scared..." –
Parents' Views on Parenthood during War

Elad Mijalevich-Soker, Bar-Ilan University

MD-09-3

Personal Growth Among Pregnant Women
During War: The Role of Optimism and
Meaning in Life

Maram Awad-Yassin, Elad Mijalevich-
Soker, Lia Ring, Esther Joffe, Orit Taubman
- Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

MD-09-4

Intergenerational Dynamics and Motherhood
in the Early Weeks of the Israel-Hamas
Conflict

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Esther Joffe, Reut Ben-Kimhy, Elad Mijalevich-Soker, Lia Ring, Maram Awad-Yassin, Orit Taubman - Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

(MD-10) Poster Presentations in the Exhibition Hall

Monday, October 19, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 10

MD-10-1

Shattered Sense of Security versus Continued Presence: Hebrew Berlin after October 7th, 2023, through the Prism of *Spitz Magazine*

Giacomo Paoloni, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia

MD-10-2

Parental Stress and Mental Health Outcomes Following the October 7th Events: Insights from Israeli Families of Children with Special Needs.

Ruth Maytles, Yitshak Alfasi, Avi Besser, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

MD-10-3

The Impact of Drama Therapy on Depressive Symptoms and Quality of Life among Older Adults in Long-Term Care Facilities in Israel

Samer Sharkiya, Ramat Gan Academic College

MD-10-4

Holocaust Evocation in Israel's International Security Discourse: Framing patterns during the Gaza war

Khanh Linh Dang Hoang, Eötvös Loránd University

MD-10-5

Artificial Intelligence in Nursing Education: A Qualitative Integrative Review with Global and Israeli Perspectives

Rinat Cohen, The Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo, Ashkelon Academic College, Ramat Gan Academic College

MD-10-6

Distress, Support, and Occupational Functioning: Predictors of Turnover Intentions and Absenteeism Among Israeli Nurses Following Adverse Events

Rinat Cohen, The Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo, Ashkelon Academic College, Ramat Gan Academic College, Yael Sela, Ruppin Academic College, Or Catz, Ashkelon Academic College, Rachel Nissanholtz-Gannot, Ariel University, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute

MD-10-7

The Grey Identity in the New World Order

Mery Najjar Aboud, University of Haifa

MD-10-8

To What Extent do Arabs in Israel Identify as Palestinians Compared to Other Identities

Ilan Shdema, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

Monday, October 19 Evening Events

LIGHT RECEPTION

17:30-18:00

AIS AWARD CEREMONY

18:00-19:00

Chairs: **Csaba Nikolenyi**, President, **Oded Haklai**, Vice President and **Asaf Shamis**, Executive Director, Association for Israel Studies

WELCOME AND KEYNOTE WITH TZIPI LIVNI, FORMER CABINET MINISTER AND MEMBER OF KNESSET

"Israel as a Jewish-Democratic State - What Does It Really Mean?"

19:00-20:00

Welcome and Introduction: **Rinat Kitai-Sangero**, Conference Chair, **Mohammed Wattad**, President, Ramat Gan Academic College and **Csaba Nikolenyi**, President, Association for Israel Studies

BANQUET (for ticket-holders)

20:00-21:00

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

**SESSION TA
09:00-10:30**

(TA-01) Community Resilience and Collective Recovery after October 7

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Janet Cohen**, Zefat Academic College

TA-01-1

"We are a rare breed...": Coping Resources of Gaza Envelope Communities Following the Events of October 7, 2023

Nitzan Eilon, Orna Braun-Lewensohn, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TA-01-2

Nostalgia and Renewal in Community Recovery

Iris Posklinsky, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee, Limor Samimian Darash, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TA-01-3

From Civil Struggle to Collective Strength: The Impact of a Local Conflict on the Shaping of Community Resilience in Later National Crises

Orit Fisher Shalem, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

TA-01-4

From Shared Trauma to Divergent Narratives: Therapeutic Discourse and the Reframing of Social Identities in Post-October 7 Israel

Nissim Avissar, Kibbutzim College of Education

(TA-02) Mamlakhtiyut and Education: Between the School and the Army

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TA-02-1

Mamlakhtiyut between the School and the Army: Civil Education and State Authority in Israel

Adi Sherzer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TA-02-2

A Divided Foundation: The Historical Roots of Fragmentation in Israeli Education

Miriam Szamet, Bar-Ilan University

TA-02-3

State Education in Uniform: The Military Model of Mamlakhtiyut (Statehood)

Adi Peleg, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TA-02-4

Mamlakhti Education and its Challenges: The Politics of the Melting Pot in Israel's Early Decades

Amir Aizenman, Oranim Academic College, The University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee

(TA-03) Diaspora-Israel Relations, Mobilization and Political Engagement

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Luiza Khlebnikova**, Russian Academy of Sciences

TA-03-1

Action for Soviet Jewry among Religious Kibbutz Members – A Case Study of Social Action as a Key to Building Resilience and Relevance in Times of Change

Liza Vasserman-Slutsky, Bar-Ilan University

TA-03-2

Diaspora Mobilization and Foreign Policy: The Case of the Jewish and Israeli Diasporas in Germany and Sweden

Isabell Schierenbeck, Lisbeth Aggestam, University of Gothenburg

TA-03-3

Transnational Political Engagement in Times of Turmoil: Comparative Analysis of Israeli and Jewish Diasporas Amid Critical Political Changes and Conflict

Amir Segal, Freie Universität Berlin

TA-03-4

Who has a Right to Israel? Israel's Alliances with International Far Right and the Condition of the Diaspora

Anna Zawadzka, Polish Academy of Sciences, London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism

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(TA-04) Roundtable – Recent Achievements of Israeli Arabs in the Healthcare Professions: Implications within Israel and Internationally

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Bruce Rosen**, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TA-04-1

Bruce Rosen, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Nour Abed Elhadi Shahbri, Israel Ministry of Health

Mohammed Wattad, Ramat Gan Academic College

Sami Miaari, Tel Aviv University

(TA-05) Roundtable – Building Community Resilience Through Academia-Community Partnerships: Lessons from the Western Negev

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Nirit Portughies**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TA-05-1

Nirit Portughies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Moria Ran, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Brandeis University

Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Haim Bitton, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Estee Rieder Indursky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(TA-06) Roundtable – From Space to Place: Practices and Politics of Belonging

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TA-06-1

Havatzelet Yahel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Noga Raved, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Noa Avriel Avni, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Guy Jamo, The Central Zionist Archives

Ilan Shchori, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Orna Ehrlich, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(TA-07) Literature, Memory and Historical Narratives

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Vered Weiss**, Michigan State University

TA-07-1

“As If Dying of Hunger Were the Main Thing She Did in Her Life”:

Women’s Experiences in the Shadow of Historical Crises in Autobiographical Writing

Hodaya Bonen-Alek, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TA-07-2

Vulnerable Bodies and Ethical Counter-Imagination: Disability, Childhood, and Nationhood in Anda Pinkerfeld-Amir’s Literary Work

Vered Tohar, Bar-Ilan University

TA-07-3

Poetry and Memory in Kibbutz Be’eri in Light of Literary Documentation Traditions

Lilach Naishtat, Kibbutzim College of Education, Edut 710

TA-07-4

Trigger Warning: Israeli Speculative Fiction and October 7Th

Vered Weiss, Michigan State University

(TA-08) Conflict, Security and Regional Perspectives on Israel

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Elie Podeh**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TA-08-1

France-Algeria, South Africa and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Ilan Saban, University of Haifa

TA-08-2

Israel’s Security Perceptions and the Iran Challenge: Interpreting Israeli Strategy through a Jervisian Security Dilemma

Rahul G S, Siddhardha Kollabathini, Rashtriya Raksha University

TA-08-3

Syria and Israel - A Long Road to Peace

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University

TA-08-4

Looketh Toward Damascus: Syria in the Post-Assad Era

Yehuda Udi Blanga, Bar-Ilan University

(TA-09) Media Coverage, Historical Memory and National Crises

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Meital Navon-Eyal**, Bar-Ilan University

TA-09-1

Graphic Media Exposure to October 7 Events, Emotion Regulation, and Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms

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Meital Navon-Eyal, Orit Taubman - Ben-Ari, Matan Popko, Amit Reizman, Oded Basok, Bar-Ilan University

TA-09-2

What Do the October 7 War Headlines in the New York Times Reveal? ^[L]_[SEP]

Eytan Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University, Reichman University, Lilac Sigan, Bar-Ilan University

TA-09-3

From Expectation to Disappointment: The Decade Exhibition through the Lens of 1950s Hebrew Press

Galia Limor-Sagiv, Shamoan College of Engineering

(TA-10) Roundtable – Betraying the Trust: Israel, Europe and Restitution after the Holocaust

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Sever Plocker**, Independent Scholar

TA-10-1

Aharon Mor, Tel Aviv University
Sever Plocker, Independent Scholar
Morgan Sielski, Independent Scholar
Uri Geva, Association for Israel Studies

(TA-11) Strategic Governance in Practice: Insights from Street-Level Bureaucracy in Israel

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Niva Golan-Nadir**, Reichman University

TA-11-1

Navigating Ambiguity: Street-Level Managers Discretion in the Implementation of Religious Policy in Israel

Niva Golan-Nadir, Reichman University

TA-11-2

How do Interactions with Citizens Influence Coping Mechanisms of Street-Level Bureaucrats with Autism? Insights from the Israeli Case

Ben Kizel, University of Haifa, Nissim Cohen, University of Haifa

TA-11-3

Artificial Intelligence at the Street Level: Discretion, Emotions, and Ethical Concerns among Israeli Social Workers

Noga Pitowsky-Nave, Zehavit Levitats, Bar-Ilan University

TA-11-4

Equity through Identification: The Role of Shared Life Experiences in Shaping Social Equity at the Street Level

Ofek Edri Peer, Nissim Cohen, University of Haifa

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

**SESSION TB
11:00-12:30**

(TB-01) Visual Culture, Art and Public Memory

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Onna Segev**, University of Haifa

TB-01-1

The Post-Human Witness: Trauma and Resilience in Michel Platnic's Installation *A Tribute to Guernica* (2025)

Hava Aldouby, The Open University of Israel

TB-01-2

Public Space, Memory and Healing: Ephemeral installations in Hostages' Square after the October 7th War

Onna Segev, University of Haifa

TB-01-3

Between Modesty and Presence: Self-Portraiture in Contemporary Orthodox Women's Visual Art

Noa Lea Cohn, Brandeis University

TB-01-4

"She would have had to be a heroine": Exhibitions Engaging and Commemorating Women following the 7 October 2023 Attack and Israel-Hamas War

Inbal Ben-Asher Gitler, Sapir Academic College, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Einat Lachover, Sapir Academic College

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(TB-02) Confronting Antisemitism: Difficulties, Challenges and Opportunities

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Anna Zawadzka**, Polish Academy of Sciences, London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism

TB-02-1

Political Critique or Prejudice? An Experimental Examination of Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism

Yitshak Alfasi, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

TB-02-2

Educating on the Shoah to Counter Contemporary Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism: An Interdisciplinary Pedagogical Model from Italy

Alon Helled, University of Turin

TB-02-3

Antisemitism as a Polarized Discourse: Security, Trauma, and the Challenge of Social Repair in Israel

Yossi Kugler, College of Management Academic Studies

TB-02-4

Relational Storytelling; A Framework for Fostering Post Traumatic Growth Following Antisemitism

Susie Hess, USC

(TB-03) Nationhood, Identity and Cultural Representation

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Noa Bloch**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TB-03-1

The Sounds of Statehood: Israeli Music and American Jewish Engagement with Israel, 1948–1953

Eli Sperling, University of Georgia

TB-03-2

When the Canons Roar the Muses are Heard: The Conquest of Beersheba in the 1948 War as Seen through Negev Bedouin Vernacular Poetry

Kobi Peled, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TB-03-3

Interpreting and Projecting Israeli Identity Through the Interior Design of ZIM Passenger Ships.

Bennett Tucker, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

TB-03-4

From Wild Symbol to Contested Presence: Onager Reintroduction and the Struggle over Security, Zionism, and Expertise in the Israeli Desert

Noa Bloch, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

(TB-04) Family Formation, Parenthood and Intimate Relationships

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Yifat Findling**, Ashkelon Academic College, Ohio University

TB-04-1

Weddings via Zoom, Rights via Utah: A Qualitative Study of Israeli Couples and Digital Marriage

Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui, The Ramat Gan Academic College

TB-04-2

Are Elective Co-Parenting Arrangements Really Elective?

Ya'arit Bokek-Cohen, Netanya Academic College

TB-04-3

"The Change Is Within Me": Motherhood Across Life Course Transitions in Mixed Families

Shlomit Oryan, Oranim Academic College, **Tal Meler**, Zefat Academic College

TB-04-4

Forced Single Motherhood in Wartime: Postpartum Experiences and Gaps in Maternal Care in Israel Following October 7

Yifat Findling, Ashkelon Academic College, Ohio University, **Ilana Chertok**, Ohio University, **Keren Dopelt**, Ashkelon Academic College

(TB-05) Roundtable: The Beginning of the End of the U.S.–Israeli Special Relationship?

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Jonathan Rynhold**, Bar-Ilan University

TB-05-1

Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University
Eytan Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University
Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University
Amnon Cavari, Reichman University
Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, Princeton University

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(TB-06) Law, Rehabilitation and Fairness

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Ofek Edri Peer**, University of Haifa

TB-06-1

"Child Criminals" – From Civil Threats to National Resources: The Treatment of Juvenile Offenders in Mandatory Palestine

Nitzana Ben David, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TB-06-2

Therapeutic Justice for Non-Recidivists: A Proposal for Reforming Community Court Admission Criteria.

Rinat Kitai-Sangero, Ramat Gan Academic College

TB-06-3

Recognizing a Defendant's Right to a Fair Plea Bargain Offer from the Prosecution

Boaz Sangero, Sapir Academic College, Western Galilee College

(TB-07) Roundtable: Israel and the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Arieh Saposnik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TB-07-1

Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

Jerome Chanes, Baruch College - CUNY

(TB-08) Integration / Identity of the Arab Minority

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Farid Shukurlu**, Danube Institute

TB-08-1

Arab Representation in Israeli Healthcare Professions: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities

Bruce Rosen, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Sami Miaari, Tel Aviv University

TB-08-2

Do Academic Studies Make you More Inclusive? Examining the Association between the Usefulness of Academic Studies and the Willingness for Ethnic Minority Integration

Dennis Rosenberg, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Nohad 'Ali, Western Galilee College, Technion

TB-08-3

Gender Identity and Ethnic Representations on Social Media: The Case of Unmarried Arab Women in Israel on Instagram

Nissim Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

(TB-09) Global Views and Comparative Perspectives on Israel

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Ori Freiman**, Indiana University Bloomington

TB-09-1

Analyzing Western European Media Perceptions of The Israeli-Hungarian Relationship

D. Mathisson, US Department of State, Eötvös Loránd University

TB-09-2

Israel Studies as National Strategy: State Security, the "Belt and Road" Initiative and the Future of the Field in China

Xuesong Li, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TB-09-3

Trauma, Resilience and Recovery: A Comparative Analysis of Israel and African Post-Conflict Settings

Ritika Shashwat, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TB-09-4

The Antizionist Institutional Architecture of BDS in Canadian Academia

Ori Freiman, Indiana University Bloomington

(TB-10) Pedagogy in the US and Israel

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 10

Chair: **Kenneth Stein**, Emory University

TB-10-1

Israel Education in the U.S. – How Can its Slow Death be Avoided?

Kenneth Stein, Emory University (Emeritus)

TB-10-3

Teaching Canon Law in a Multicultural Campus: Experiences from Zefat Academic College

Pablo Lerner, Zefat Academic College, The Academic Center of Law and Business

TB-10-4

After the Sirens: Writing on the Wall and the Pedagogy of Voice in Wartime Israel

William Kolbrener, Bar-Ilan University

(TB-11) Families, Gender and Care in Times of War

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Estee Rieder Indursky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TB-11-1

From Resilience to Survival: Changes in Financial-Emotional Behavior of Families in Israel, in the Shadow of the "Iron Swords" War

Orly Redlich, Ramat Gan Academic College

TB-11-2

Somatic, Psychological, and Healthcare Utilization Patterns among Parents of Service

Members in Wartime: A Gendered Network Analysis

Yaira Hamama-Raz, Ariel University, **Liat Hamama**, Tel Aviv University

TB-11-3

From the Family Sphere to the Public Sphere: Negotiating the Boundaries of Halakha and Gender in Times of Emergency

Estee Rieder Indursky, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Stav Shufan-Biton, University of Cambridge

LUNCH BREAK AND AIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (with boxed lunches)

12:30-14:00

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

SESSION TC 14:00-15:30

(TC-01) Roundtable: Methods and Perspectives in Teaching Israel Studies

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Erika Falk**, Israel Institute

TC-01-1

Erika Falk, Israel Institute
Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University
Vered Weiss, Michigan State University

(TC-02) Technology, Ethics and Knowledge in the Digital Age

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Michael J. May**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

TC-02-1

Securing the Cognitive Space: The Evolution of Israel's Cybersecurity Strategy from Infrastructure to Psychological Resilience

Rohit Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TC-02-2

Healing Without Certainty: Uncertainty as an Ethical Value in Israeli Medicine in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Rotem Waitzman, Levinsky-Wingate Academic Center

TC-02-3

Using Generative AI to Analyze and Understand Cemetery Gravestones and Burial Culture

Michael J. May, Efrat Kantor, Jamal Majadle, Netanel Shen, Libar Vizman, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

(TC-03) National Resilience and Personal Security

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Perle Nicolle Hasid**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TC-03-1

National Resilience After Terror: A Comparative Study of Israel (October 7) and India (Mumbai 2008)

Mohammed Shoaib Raza, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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TC-03-2

National and Personal Security in a Shared Jewish–Arab Community

Yifat Hillel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TC-03-3

Cultivating Emotional Intelligence and Empathy as a Pathway to Intergroup Healing: A Mono-National Intervention among Jewish and Arab Adolescents in Israel

Sehrab Masri, Ramat Gan Academic College, The Academic College of Sakhnin

TC-03-4

Mainstreaming the Hilltop Youths: Radical Outreach Strategies and Ideological Diffusion in Israeli Society

Perle Nicolle Hasid, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

(TC-04) Theatre, Performance and Cultural Responses to Crisis

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Shelly Zer-Zion**, University of Haifa

TC-04-1

Satirical Revues as an Archive of Crisis: DH Readings in the Matateh Performances during the Second World War

Shelly Zer-Zion, Eliezer Baumgarten, Odea Gabbai, Adi Cholev, University of Haifa

TC-04-2

Staging Destruction: Israeli Theatre Addresses the Holocaust

Jerome Chanes, Baruch College – CUNY

TC-04-3

Documentary Theatre Treating an Unfolding Traumatic Event: Ethical Documentation rather than Representation

Roe Joseph, Bar-Ilan University

TC-04-4

The Crocodile That Invaded the Home: Fear and Terror of the October 7 War in Theatre for Young Audience

Naphtaly Shem-Tov, The Open University of Israel

(TC-05) Foundations and Concepts of Zionism

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Brian Horowitz**, Tulane University

TC-05-1

Zionism as a Philosophical Revolution

Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TC-05-2

Among Choices, Zionism from Afar: The Last Chapter in my Biography of Joseph Schechtman

Brian Horowitz, Tulane University

TC-05-3

From Reluctant to Radical Revolutionaries: Zionism and the Late 19th Century Crisis of Liberalism

Nathanel Stawski, University of Cambridge

(TC-06) Security, Strategy and State Formation in Early Israel

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Jacob Tovy**, University of Haifa

TC-06-1

The Establishment of the State of Israel: Between Democracy and Security

Teofan Axinte, National School of Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest

TC-06-2

From Journalist to Ideologue: Isaac Remba and the Formation of the Herut Movement's Identity

Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky, Zefat Academic College

TC-06-3

The Roots of Ambiguity: Contested Deniability and the Qibya Operation (1953)

Ofek Riemer, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TC-06-4

Before October 7: The Gaza Challenge and Israeli Security Thinking on the Eve of the Sinai Campaign

Jacob Tovy, University of Haifa

(TC-07) Institutions of Care, Well-Being and Social Policy

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Rinat Cohen**, The Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo, Ashkelon Academic College, Ramat Gan Academic College

TC-07-1

A Decade of Healthcare Quality Measurement in Israel: From Regulatory Mandate to Measurable Improvement, Persistent Inequalities and a System-Level Perspective

Khaled Awawdi, Ramat Gan Academic College

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TC-07-2

Bridging the Gap: Disparities in Perceptions of the "Second Victim" Phenomenon Between Israeli Policymakers and Nurses

Rinat Cohen, The Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo, Ashkelon Academic College, Ramat Gan Academic College, Yael Sela, Ruppin Academic College, Rachel Nissanholtz-Gannot, Ariel University, Meyers-JDC-Brookdale Institute

TC-07-3

Enhancing Law and Policy-making Through Happiness Science and Community-State Reconnections

Nimi Langer, Three Sycamores

(TC-08) Locations of Identity, Memory, and Trauma in Avi Neshet's Films: Discourses of Ethnicity and Gender

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Anat Y. Zanger**, Tel Aviv University

TC-08-1

Avi Neshet's *HaSodot*: Negotiating Education and Sexuality within Religious Women

Bruno Szlak, Universidade de Sao Paulo

TC-08-2

Time and Space in Avi Neshet's *Turn Left at the End of the World*

Yaron Shemer, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

TC-08-3

Screening Precarious Spaces in 1968 Israel: *Turn Left at the End of the World* (2004) and *The Matchmaker* (2012)

Elke Heckner, University of Iowa

(TC-09) Roundtable: Pro-Palestinian Campus Activism and the Politics of Academic Space in Europe

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Marcela Menachem Zoufalá**, Charles University

TC-09-1

Marcela Menachem Zoufalá, Charles University

Timea Crofony, Charles University
Olaf Gloeckner, Potsdam University

(TC-10) The Abraham Accords: Normalization, Economy and Society

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 10

Chair: **Yaron Salman**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

TC-10-1

Religious Tolerance and Foreign Policy: The Case of UAE-Israel Normalization

Yaron Salman, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

TC-10-2

Examining Israel-UAE Strategic Partnership through Defensive Realism

Lakshmi Priya, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TC-10-3

Thawing the Cold Peace: Abraham Accords and Israel-Egypt Economic Ties

Sameena Hameed, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TC-10-4

Despite The Regional Tension, Business as Usual: The Moroccan Exception Vis-à-vis Israel

Mahin Siddiqui, Jawaharlal Nehru University

(TC-11) Coping, Recovery and Transformation in the Aftermath of October 7

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 14:00 - 15:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Shay Yoos**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TC-11-1

Guarding the Soul at War: Psychological-Spiritual Responses to Military Reality in Contemporary Israeli Orthodoxy

Mordy Miller, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TC-11-2

The Day After: Tracing the Political and Emotional Evolution of Survivors of the October 7 Massacre

Shay Yoos, Eran Halperin, Matthew Simonson, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TC-11-3

Building a Future from the Ashes: The Rehabilitative Model of Sarah Stern-Katan in Post-War Poland

Malka Kinast, Bar-Ilan University

TC-11-4

Hope and Humor: Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy in Israel's Path to Recovery

Szilvia Finta, Eötvös Loránd University, Saint Paul Academy

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**SESSION TD
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(TD-01) Avi Nesher's Ars Poetica and Cultural Riddles

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Miri Talmon**, Tel Aviv University

TD-01-1

The Masquerade Ball in Three of Avi Nesher's Films

Anat Y. Zanger, Film Studies Tel Aviv University

TD-01-2

Avi Nesher, The Cinephile

Avner Shavit, Wesleyan University

TD-01-3

Shoah Noir: *The Matchmaker* within Avi Nesher's Past-Present Trilogy

Shmulik Duvdevani, Tel Aviv University

(TD-02) Shaping Public Opinion in the Wake of October 7

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Noam Sar Shalom**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TD-02-1

Beyond Edit Wars: Mapping Collaborative Behaviors in Wikipedia Articles after October 7

Sagit Alkobi Fishman, Motti Neiger, Bar-Ilan University

TD-02-2

The Battle over Knowledge: Framing Zionism Across Wikipedia, Grokipedia and Justapedia

Shlomit Aharoni Lir, University of Haifa, Bar-Ilan University

TD-02-3

Framing the Israeli Family on the IDF's Instagram Page during the Israel-Hamas War, 2023–2025

Noam Sar Shalom, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TD-02-4

The Representation of Israel in Pro-Palestinian Protest on TikTok (2020-2025): Memes, Performativity and Digital Practices

Meirav Iboga Rasumni Ursar, University of Haifa

(TD-03) Arab Citizens of Israel: Citizenship, Integration and Relations with the State

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Amir Cahane**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TD-03-1

Security Or Discrimination? Urban Ethnic Segregation between Arabs and Jews in Israel

Kais Nasser, Tel-Aviv University

TD-03-2

Online State Surveillance and its Chilling Effects over Arab-Israelis

Amir Cahane, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TD-03-3

Israeli Spatial Planning and Land Management after October 7: Deepening Sophisticated Matrix of Control and Restriction

Rassem Khamaisi, University of Haifa

(TD-04) Security, Military Institutions and State-Building in Israel

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Ofek Riemer**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TD-04-1

Between Military Necessity and Educational Militarism: The Manpower Crisis in the IDF's Early Years.

Elad Neemani, The Open University of Israel

TD-04-2

Domesticating the Danger: Kibbutz Education and the Construction of a 'Transparent Border' in the Upper Galilee, 1948–2000

Anat Kidron, The University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee

TD-04-3

Safeguarding Intelligence in the Age of Populism: Towards Greater Independence, Transparency, and Pluralized Expertise

Ofek Riemer, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Ehud (Udi) Eiran, University of Haifa

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TD-04-4

Israel's Grand Strategy and the Operational Failures of 2023-25

Yitzhak Klein, Misgav Institute for National Security

(TD-05) Zionist Sources and the Public Space

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Lilach Ben Zvi**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

TD-05-1

The Spinoza of Zionism: Religion, Secularization, and Modern Nationalism in the Hebrew Bible

Yitzhak Conforti, Bar-Ilan University

TD-05-2

A King and a Prophet: Biblical Foundations and Modern Reflections of the Israeli Public Sphere

Lilach Ben Zvi, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

TD-05-3

The Mayflower's Logbook Revised: Posthumous Censorship and the Making of Theodor Herzl's Legacy

Suzanne Berns, Central Zionist Archives

(TD-06) Education, Resilience and Recovery in Times of Crisis

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Sehrab Masri**, Ramat Gan Academic College

TD-06-1

Empathetic Inquiry as an Architecture for Educational Rehabilitation and De-Escalation in Arab Schools in Israel

Maysoun Shehadeh, Yaser Awaad, Amasha Marcel, Sakhnin College for Teacher Education

TD-06-2

Training Educational Counselors for Recovery and Resilience in Israel: An Identity-Focused Approach to Emotional Regulation under Prolonged National Stress

Ronit Haimov Zilberman, The Center for Integrative Psychotherapy, **Sehrab Masri**, **Sara Swed**, Arie Cohen, Ramat Gan Academic College

TD-06-3

School Management in Times of Crisis: The Performance Accountability-Social Climate Paradox during the 2023-2024 Israel-Hamas War

Avraham Bentolila, Orot Israel College of Education

TD-06-4

The Relationship Between Mental Resilience, Self-Efficacy and Professional Motivation among Arab Educational Counselors in the Shadow of the Ongoing Crisis

Tagreed Sakhnini, Sakhnin College of Education

(TD-07) Israel, Saudi Arabia and Strategic Partnerships in the Muslim World

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Md. Muddassir Quamar**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TD-07-1

Azerbaijan-Israel relations: Beyond a Strategic Partnership

Farid Shukurlu, Danube Institute

TD-07-2

Ideology versus Pragmatism: Israeli-Saudi Track in the Abraham Accords

Md. Muddassir Quamar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TD-07-3

Israel and Saudi Arabia: "Back to Square One"?

Elie Podeh, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

(TD-08) The Social Consequences of Polarization in Israel

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Shai Dror Tagner Haim**, University of Haifa

TD-08-1

Affective Polarization as Lived Practices: Political Conflict in Family Life

Orna Sasson-Levy, Shira Offer, Daphna Yanovitz-David, Bar-Ilan University

TD-08-2

Inner and Outer Peace in Israel: Reciprocal Dynamics in a Polarized Society

Shai Dror Tagner Haim, University of Haifa

TD-08-3

Countercultural Violence and Revenge in "Price Tag" Attacks: An Ethnographic Perspective

Perle Nicolle Hasid, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

(TD-09) Conflicts of Personal and National Security in Mandatory Palestine and Israel: Gender Aspects

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Yael Zilberman Friedmann**, The Open University of Israel

TD-09-1

‘Those Who Cried Wolf’: Security as an Emotional and Political Mechanism

Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

TD-09-2

Securing the National Home: Femininity and Motherhood in the Irgun’s Security Conceptions and Propaganda

Naama Teitlbaum-Karrie, The Open University of Israel, Bar-Ilan University

TD-09-3

Mothers under Threat: Women Peace Activism, and Nuclear Anxiety in 1950s’ Israel

Hagit Cohen, Open University Israel

(TD-10) Can we still do it? Contemporary Trends in Jewish Feminism: Israel, the United States and Europe

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 10

Chair: **Elisheva Rosman-Stollman**, Bar-Ilan University

TD-10-1

Halakhic and Communal Leadership: The Rise of Women’s Religious Authority in

Modern Orthodox Judaism in Israel and the United States

Moria Ran, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Hadassah Brandeis Institute

TD-10-2

Renovations: A Typology of Strategies used by Religious Feminists to Create Change Within the "Master’s House"

Elisheva Rosman Stollman, Bar-Ilan University

TD-10-3

The Evolution of Religious Feminism: Between the US and Israel

Naama Cohen Safrai, University of Haifa

TD-10-4

Daughters of Zelophehad at the Rabbinat’s Gate: Claiming Recognition in the Language of Law and Tradition

Sarah Segal Katz, Independent Scholar

(TD-11) United States–Israel Relations: Public Opinion, Politics and Strategic Relations

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 16:00 - 17:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Einat Libel-Hass**, Ramat Gan Academic College

TD-11-1

Little House on the Israeli Prairie: The American Labor Movement, the Eilat Cultural Center, and the “Construction” of the Special Relationship in the 1950s

Yoav Fromer, Tel Aviv University

TD-11-2

The Effects of the October 7 War on American Attitudes toward Israel

Eytan Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University, Reichman University, Yaeli Bloch Elkon, Bar-Ilan University

TD-11-3

Post 10/7 Survey of American Protestant Attitudes toward Israel, the Jewish People, and the War in Gaza

Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina – Pembroke

TD-11-4

Shifting American Jewish and Broader Public Opinion on Israel during the Gaza War

Mitchell Bard, American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 Evening Event

19:00

“OUR LOVES” [HA’AHAVOT SHELANU]:

Film Screening and discussion with filmmaker Avi Nesher

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

**SESSION WA
09:00-10:30**

(WA-01) Peace, Conflict and Security Narratives in Israeli Society

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Nehemia Stern**, Ariel University

WA-01-1

Israel's Flak Jacket: Settlements and Security Discourse in Israel since 1967

Arnon Degani, University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee, MOLAD

WA-01-2

Privilege versus Right: Current Sociological Trends in Israeli Civilian Handgun Ownership

Nehemia Stern, Maya Maor, Uzi Ben Shalom, Ariel University

WA-01-3

Citizen Influencers in Public Diplomacy During Wars: The Case of Israel-Hamas War

Dor Eldar, Eytan Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University, Ilan Manor, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WA-01-4

Civilian Leadership in Times of Crisis: Capability, Resilience and Motivation Among Volunteer Leaders in the "Iron Swords" War

Tamar Sheinboim Asayag, Emuna Academic College, Shikma Biran Nitzan, Bar-Ilan University, Noaa Offer-Cohen, University of Haifa

(WA-02) Approaches to Conflict Resolution in the Middle East

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 2

Chair: **Roei Bernstein**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA-02-1

Not in God's Name: Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and the Moral Foundations of Interfaith Conflict Resolution

Roei Bernstein, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA-02-2

Violence, Violence and More Violence: Can We Bury the Two-State Solution?

P R Kumaraswamy, Jawaharlal Nehru University

WA-02-3

Resolving the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A Comprehensive Proposal

Raphael Cohen-Almagor, Lund University

WA-02-4

The Practicality of a Proposed International ad hoc Tribunal for the Crimes of Hamas

David Matas, B'nai Brith Canada

(WA-03) Gender, Knowledge and Social Change

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Keren Turgeman-Lupo**, Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

WA-03-1

Indigenous Knowledge as a Site of Negotiation: An Intergenerational Perspective of Arab-Palestinian Women's Attitudes toward Gender-Based Violence in Israel

Tal Meler, Zefat Academic College, Raghdah Alnabilsy, Ruppiner Academic Center

WA-03-2

Beyond the Curriculum: Navigating Power and Knowledge in Informal Trans Healthcare Initiatives

Inna Blus-Kadosh, Bar-Ilan University

WA-03-3

Gender, Work-Related Stress, and IVF Outcomes

Keren Turgeman-Lupo, Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Ya'arit Bokek-Cohen, Netanya Academic College, Netanella Miller, Einat Haikin-Herzberger, Amir Wisser, Meir Medical Center

(WA-04) Capturing Chaos: Technology, Archival Innovation and Ethics in the 'Zikaron 710' Project – The World's First WhatsApp Archive

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Avi Bareli**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WA-04-1

The Architecture of Digital Memory – Privacy, Law, and Technology in an Emergency Archive

Noa Diamond, Osnat Gilboa, Zikaron 710
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WA-04-2

From Survivors to Archivists – Community-Led Documentation as a Healing Process

Ayala Shklar, Yaniv Hegyi, Bar Lupo, Zikaron 710

WA-04-3

Tagging the Untold – Metadata Strategies and AI in a WhatsApp Archive

Avi Bareli, Lilach Shamir, Zikaron 710, Liad Mousan Shemesh, Mandel Foundation

(WA-05) Commemorating the Scholarship of the Late Professor Motti Golani

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WA-05-1

Turning the Spotlight toward the British Angle of the Palestine Triangle

Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel

WA-05-2

Chaim Weizmann's Negotiations with the non-Zionists, 1941-1942

Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University

WA-05-3

Marking 70 Years Since the 'Kadesh'-Sinai War – A Retrospective and Reappraisal

Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(WA-06) Authority, Community and Social Change in Haredi Society

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Asaf Shamis**, University of Haifa

WA-06-1

The Yoselle Shuhmakher Affair: Legal Aspects

Kimmy Caplan, Bar-Ilan University

WA-06-2

The Haredi Sector as an Autocratic Enclave

Avigayil Heilbronn, **Noam Gold**, Tel Aviv University, Naomi Abraham, Independent Scholar, Or Rappel-Kroyzer, Tel Aviv University, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA-06-3

Expansion and Redefinition of the Boundaries of Community by Haredi Women

Tehila Gado, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rebecca Kook, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Ayelet Harel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

(WA-07) Israeli Democracy under Strain: Backsliding, Autocratization and Resistance

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Vered Weiss**, Michigan State University

WA-07-1

The Crisis of Israel's Democracy: Linking Corrupt Populism, Democratic Decline, Autocratization and Resistance

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College, Ina Kubbe, Tel Aviv University

WA-07-2

Democratic Backsliding Fuels a Democratic Spring: Executive Power Grab and Support for Democracy

Amnon Cavari, **Asif Efrat**, Yair Amitai, Reichman University

WA-07-3

The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism in Israel

Oded Haklai, Queen's University, Andrew O'Donohue, Harvard University

WA-07-4

The Democratic Cost of the October 7th War

Asif Efrat, Reichman University, Amnon Cavari, Reichman University

(WA-08) Thorns, Flowers, and Soil in Art and Visual Culture: Nature and Trauma in Israel

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Mor Presiado**, Bar-Ilan University

WA-08-1

The Maccabees' Blood Flower: Art, Sacrifice, and the Limits of Critique

Shahar Marnin-Distelfeld, Zefat Academic College, Oranim College, Ami Zehavi, Independent Scholar

WA-08-2

"Life on the Tip of a Thistle": Thorns as a Motif in Contemporary Art in Israel

Yael Guilat, Oranim College

WA-08-3

Soil in Local Art: Then and Now

Ela Krieger, Oranim Academic College

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(WA-09) Digital Innovations in Community, Primary and Hospital Care: Pathways to Policy Impact

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Ligat Shalev**, The University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee

WA-09-1

Telepsychiatry for Involuntary Psychiatric Evaluation in the Emergency Department: Digital Mental Health solutions

Ligat Shalev, The University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee, Clalit Health Services, Renana Eitan, The Jerusalem Mental Health Center, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Adam J. Rose, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA-09-2

What About Policy? Adapting Primary Care for Older Adults Through Healthcare Professionals' Perspectives on Technology, Culture, and Age-Friendly Practice

Lia Ring, Bar-Ilan University, Shoshi Keisari, Yosefa Birati, Reem Nashef-Hamuda,, Anna Zisberg, University of Haifa

WA-09-3

A Personalized Telehealth Model for Congestive Heart Failure in Primary Care: Insights from Implementers Toward Policy Reform

Ligat Shalev, Tali Lang, Talia Kinnar, Clalit Innovation

(WA-10) Forging the Israeli Right: Unification, Crisis and Political Consolidation

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 10

Chair: **Maya Mark**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WA-10-1

Etzel and Lehi Veterans in Israeli Politics: Mending a Thirty-Year Rift

Elad Nahshon, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WA-10-2

The Liberal Spring: The Israeli Right Between Unification and War, 1965–1967

Maya Mark, Uri Appenzeller, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WA-10-3

The Formation of the Historical Bloc of the Israeli Right: Gahal and the Recession, 1966–1967

Amir Goldstein, University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee

(WA-11) Post-Holocaust, Post-Refugee Actors

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 09:00 - 10:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Sharon Geva**, Kibbutzim College of Education

WA-11-1

The Refugee's Journey: Borders, Memory and Diplomacy

Gitit Hoze, Bar-Ilan University

WA-11-2

Holocaust Survivor-Teachers and the Pedagogy of Care: Meaning-Making through Caring for Others in Postwar Rehabilitative Settings

Tali Tadmor-Shimony, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WA-11-3

Gender and Rehabilitation after the Holocaust: Zivia Lubetkin's Postwar Life

Sharon Geva, Kibbutzim College of Education

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SESSION WB

11:00-12:30

(WB-01) Education, Innovation and Career Development in Contemporary Israel

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 1

Chair: **Mor Deshen**, Ramat Gan Academic College

WB-01-1

The Challenges of Academic Legal Education in Israel in the Era of Gen AI

Michal Tamir, Ran Lustigman, The Academic College for Law and Science

WB-01-2

Domesticating Innovative Technologies in Conservative Communities: Implementing the Use of Artificial Intelligence Among Haredi Teaching Students

Itschak Trachtengot, Herzog College, Yehudit Chassida, University of Haifa, Hava Sasson, Herzog College

WB-01-3

Perceived Support as a Protective Mechanism in Crisis-Driven Remote Teaching: Evidence from Israeli Teachers During Wartime

Mor Deshen, Ramat Gan Academic College, Shlomit Hadad, Ashkelon College

WB-01-4

Career Choice and Persistence in STEMM Among Graduates of the IDF Atidim Program

Or Shav-Artza, Shahaf Rocker Yoel, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Yehudit Judy Dori, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Samuel Neaman Institute for National Policy Research

(WB-02) Haredi Society: Political Consciousness, Personal Costs

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 11

Chair: **Kimmy Caplan**, Bar-Ilan University

WB-02-1

From Torah Study to Political Consciousness: The Formation of the Haredi Political Subject in Contemporary Israel

Yehonatan Segev, University of Haifa

WB-02-2

Collective Values and Personal Cost: The Use of Religious Language in Cases of

Domestic Violence in Israel's Haredi Community

Tehila Gado, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WB-02-3

Female-to-Male Intimate Partner Violence in Israel's Ultra-Orthodox Society: Patterns, Forms of Abuse, and Barriers to Rehabilitation

Daniel J.N. Weishut, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, Sara Zalcberg, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Shandong-Tel Aviv Joint Institute for Jewish and Israel Studies

(WB-03) KKL-JNF Session on the Rhetoric and Literature of Nature Preservation in Israel

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 3

Chair: **Alon Tal**, Tel Aviv University

WB-03-01

From Space to a Place: The Environmental Rhetoric of S. Yizhar as the Founding Manifesto of Green Activists in Israel

Benny Furst, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WB-03-02

Nature-Keeping as a Partisan Issue in the Rhetorics of S Yizhar and Meir Shalev

Amit Assis, KKL-JNF

WB-03-03

From National Soil to Living Habitat: A Literary Shift in Israeli Nature Writing

Tamar Weiss Gabbay, KKL-JNF

(WB-04) Jewish Ethnic Communities and Identity in Israel

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 4

Chair: **Tom Fogel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WB-04-1

The Troubadour Scene: Marginal Culture and Social Resilience of Moroccan Immigrants in Israel

Haim Bitton, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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WB-04-2

"A Letter to the Israeli Government, May God Protect It": Petition and Protest in Yemeni Jewish Immigration Narratives of the 1950s

Tom Fogel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WB-04-3

Between India and Israel - Bene Israel community and Israel in times of War and Crisis

Leora Pezarkar, University of Haifa

(WB-05) Roundtable on Israel's War/s With Hamas: An Evaluation of Means and Ends

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 5

Chair: **Yael Aronoff**, Michigan State University

WB-05-1

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University
Pinna Sharvit Baruch, INSS, Tel Aviv University
Amichai Cohen, Ono Academic College

(WB-06) Israel's Strategic Partnerships and Regional Diplomacy

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 6

Chair: **Pablo Lerner**, Zefat Academic College / The Academic Center of Law and Business

WB-06-1

Normalization in Context: Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Regional Power Politics

Amin Tarzi, Marine Corps War College, George Mason University

WB-06-2

Anchoring the Corridor: The India-Israel Strategic Partnership within the IMEC Framework

Lauren Dagan Amoss, Bar-Ilan University

WB-06-3

Israel-India Defence Cooperation: A Partnership of Mutual Benefits in a Turbulent World

Aditya Kumar Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University

WB-06-4

From Bilateral to Triangular: A Neoclassical Realist Analysis of U.S. Factor in Shaping Sino-Israeli Ties

Guangmeng Chen, Sichuan International Studies University

(WB-07) From Trauma to Testimony: Edut 710 Film Archive of Survivor Narratives from October 7

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 7

Chair: **Yael Netzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WB-07-1

Beyond the Repository: "Edut 710" as a Living Archive and the Role of RAG-AI in Communal Recovery

Yael Netzer, Center for Digital Humanities at the Hebrew University

WB-07-2

Edut 710 and Collective Testimony: Community, Trauma, and Resilience in Kibbutz Nahal Oz

Shalhevet Dotan-Ofir, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Herzog College, University of Haifa

WB-07-3

Shades of Green: Representations of the Israel Defence Forces in Edut 710 Testimonies

Noah Bar Gosen, Edut 710

WB-07-4

Words as Images: The Ethics of Verbal Testimony

Anat Tzom Ayalon, Tel Aviv University

(WB-08) Influences from the American Continent

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 8

Chair: **Esther Carmel-Hakim**, University of Haifa

WB-08-1

Two Murals, Two Visions: Diego Rivera and Temima Gezari, New York 1933-1935

Esther Carmel-Hakim, University of Haifa

WB-08-2

Distant Fields: Israeli Agriculture in the American Gaze

Rebecca Shimoni Stoil, Clemson University

WB-08-3

Israel and American Jews on the Broadway Stage: Jerry Herman's Musical "Milk and Honey" (1961)

Edna Nahshon, Jewish Theological Seminary

WB-08-2

Israeli Political and Cultural Themes in Theatre and Fiction

Allan Havis, UC San Diego

(WB-09) Film, Memory and Euphoria

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 9

Chair: **Leah Gilula**, Independent Scholar

WB-09-1

Writing for the Screen, Rewriting the Screen:
The Hebrew Literary Scene and Israeli
Cinema in the 1960s

Matti Lang, Tel Aviv University

WB-09-2

Filmed Returns: Next-Generation Israeli
Memory at Holocaust Sites

Roy Holler, University of Florida

WB-09-3

Migrations and Returns in French Jewish
Cinema

Gayle Zachmann, University of Florida

WB-09-4

Youth Trauma TV: Euphoria as a Cultural
Path for Presenting Israeli Trauma and
Breaking Generic Boundaries

Gabriela Jonas Aharoni, Yuval Gozansky,
Sapir Academic College

(WB-10) Archives and Narratives: Oslo, Camp David and the Second Intifada

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 11:00 - 12:30, Hall 10

Chair: **Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of
the Negev

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